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For: Olive Kernel Organic Extract Product: Solubility and Absorption Promoter

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please replace the original title with —Olive Kernel Organic Extract Product: Solubility and Absorption Promoter

Prior to examination, please add after the title: --This application takes its priority from copending PCT/US02/00476, filed 01/03/2002, copending USSN 09/771,669, filed 01/30/2001, and USSN 09/056,707, filed 4/8/1998, now USPN 6,689,748, issued 2/10/2004

Prior to examination of the attached patent application, please delete claims 1-39 recited therein, and replace with the following new claims:

- 40. An olive kernel organic extract.
- 41. The extract of claim 41, prepared by a process consisting of the steps of:
 - (I) harvesting first collection ripe olives
 - (ii) compressing the oil from the flesh of said ripe olives;
 - (iii) harvesting the kernels remaining after said compressing;
- (iv) washing said kernels with water to remove debris so as to produce washed kernels;